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SHERIFF WILLIAMS KILLED AT SEASIDE

Shot Down in Cold Blood Yesterday Afternoon by Charles Willard, a Desperate Character.

DEPUTY LAMERS ALSO IS MURDERED

Officers Were Searching Willard's House When the Terrible Tragedy Was Enacted--Narrow Escape of C. W. Fulton and Constable Miller--Murderer Shot to Death.

THE DEAD.

J. W. WILLIAMS, Sheriff of Clatsop County.
JAMES LAMERS, Deputy Sheriff.
CHARLES WILLARD, desperado.

THE WOUNDED.

A. E. MILLER, Constable of Seaside Precinct.

Three lives—two of honest men, one of a desperado, with the narrow escape of the lives of two other most reputable citizens—one of unusually high regard and standing—is the sacrifice Clatsop county has been called upon to pay for the peace and good order of the little community of Seaside on her western border. Seldom, if ever, has so appalling a tragedy been enacted anywhere within the state of Oregon.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the news was simultaneously received in the Western Union and railroad offices that Sheriff J. W. Williams, one of his deputies, and a desperate character named Charles Willard had been killed in a shooting affray at Seaside. Only the barest details were received, but the news fell like a thunder-bolt and few like wildfire around the city. Further particulars were wired for, but little could be learned except that Clatsop county's popular sheriff and one of his deputies had been shot to death by the desperado Willard.

At 5 o'clock the regular train left for the scene, carrying about 100 persons from Astoria. Nearly every man on the train was armed, and all were determined that if Willard was still alive, he should be summarily dealt with. On the way to Seaside others boarded the train, and there were about 125 determined men in the crowd when their destination was reached.

At the depot those who anxiously awaited the coming of the train briefly told the story of the terrible crime. Sheriff Williams and Deputy Lamers were cold in death, as was also the villain who had taken their lives. When the news was made known few were able to suppress their tears. The sheriff was known and beloved by nearly every person in Astoria, and his death was to many as the death of a brother. The bodies of the dead officers had been brought to a house near the depot, where they were viewed by their grief-stricken fellow-townsmen. Sheriff Williams and Deputy Lamers were men of almost the same disposition, and each was very popular in his community. When the Astoria party entered the house and saw the men lying on cots, their features calm in the pallor of death, there were few dry eyes. "Poor Jack," was instinctively uttered, and nearly all turned away to hide the tears.

A coroner's jury had been empaneled, and went to the Lewiston cottage to view the body of the dead murderer. The corpse, rendered hideous from awful wounds, lay outside the cottage just as it had fallen. Death was too good for him, everyone said, and there was no disposition to even cover the remains. Willard was a large, muscular brute, and with his face shot nearly away, and the wounds on the body, he presented a sight that was revolting. The body was afterwards wrapped in canvas and, none too tenderly, thrown into a wagon which had been brought from Seaside.

In the cottage was the murderer's arsenal, for he was a man who never went unarmed. Powder, shot, shells and loaded cartridges were stacked up in a corner, and bore silent evidence of the desperate character of the murderer. He had lived in the cottage for two months past and was evidently prepared for some expected attack from the civil authorities. Some of the shells were identified by Mr. Fulton as his property, and there is no longer any doubt that Willard was the fiend who destroyed the Fulton cottage some nights ago. To cover that crime and escape from justice Willard killed two men, and, but for the heroic action of "Jim" Lamers, would have taken the lives of two others—Senator Fulton and Constable Miller. The latter was slightly wounded by Willard before he was

finally killed, and the coroner's jury went to his home to hear his story.

WILLARD WAS SUSPECTED.

The burning of Senator Fulton's cottage some days ago caused great indignation throughout the county, and Sheriff Williams determined to ferret out the mystery and bring the guilty party to justice. Several persons were suspected of the crime, but the finger of suspicion pointed at Willard. He was a brutal-looking fellow, of gigantic physique, and the people of Seaside, where he had lived for a year, always supposed him to be an outlaw, evading detection and punishment for crimes committed elsewhere.

A search warrant had been issued and Sheriff Williams went to Seaside yesterday to serve it. He deputized James Lamers as an assistant, and with Senator Fulton and Constable Miller, the latter of Seaside, went to Willard's abode. The sheriff knocked at the door and Willard came to a window. He was told that he was wanted on business, and he pulled back the curtain and peered out. Seeing Senator Fulton, he said: "Oh, it's you, Mr. Fulton!" He had been asleep, it seems, and told the party that he would come out as soon as he had dressed. A few moments later he came from the house. When Mr. Fulton and the officers went into the cottage to make the investigation Willard followed them. Mr. Fulton found some shells in a corner of the room in which Willard slept and Willard seemed to realize that the cartridges were identified.

"Now," said Willard, "I've been accused of breaking into houses around here, and I'm getting damned tired of it. I want the whole business cleared up. Come with me and I'll show you that some one has broken into the Carlson cottage" (of which he had charge).

WOULD NOT MARCH AHEAD.

The five men then went from the house. Senator Fulton whispering to Sheriff Williams that he had identified the shells as some which had been left at his cottage.

"Willard, you walk ahead, and we'll go to the Carlson cottage," said Sheriff Williams.

"I will not walk ahead," replied Willard. "You take the lead."

"Well, all right," said the sheriff, "but let me see your gun."

The sheriff wished, no doubt, to see whether the cartridges found in the cottage could be used in the rifle which Willard carried, and which he had taken from the wall when he had suggested the trip to the Carlson cottage.

"No, sir; you cannot see my gun. I never allow anyone to handle that gun," was Willard's reply.

Then the men started for the cottage. Sheriff Williams, Senator Fulton and Deputy Lamers walking ahead, and Constable Miller and Willard following. They went to the house and Willard showed them where it had been entered. He again expressed his displeasure at having been accused of plundering the cottage at Seaside, and said he wanted a thorough investigation, so he would not again be annoyed.

"Willard," said Mr. Fulton, "the cartridges I found at the Lewiston cottage came from my house. How did you get them?"

This brought out a long story from Willard, who said a former resident of Seaside had given him the shells. The man was named, but he has gone to Hawaii. The story was not believed and was probably invented on the spot in the hope that he could clear himself.

Mr. Fulton then stated that he wished to make a further examination of the Lewiston dwelling, and the party returned, Willard carrying the rifle over his arm, and with his right hand on a revolver in his coat pocket.

SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

Arriving at the Lewiston cottage, Mr. Fulton and Constable Miller entered the house, Sheriff Williams taking a station on the south side of the building. Deputy Lamers stood to the southwest and Willard near the front entrance.

"We had hardly stepped inside the building when we heard two shots in

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NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED TO THEIR FUTURE COMMANDS.

Schley Assigned to Sea Duty and Sampson Will Remain in Command of the North Atlantic Squadron.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Rear Admiral Sampson is to retain command of the North Atlantic squadron, Commodore J. W. Philip is to command the Brooklyn navy yard.

Commodore H. F. Pickering to command the Boston navy yard.

Captain Louis Komptz to command the naval station at Guam and to be naval governor of that island.

Rear Admiral Schley and Rear Admiral H. L. Howison to be assigned to sea duty.

These assignments were announced by a high official of the navy department as having been determined by Secretary Long.

Before Admiral Sampson had his conference with the secretary the report was current that he would be granted leave of absence in order that he might have a short rest, which his friends believe would materially aid him in recovering his health. During the conference, however, the admiral assured the secretary that he would prefer to remain at sea. The New York will remain at Tompkinsville for some time and Admiral Sampson will direct the affairs of his station from that vessel.

Orders to Commodore Philip assigning him to the Brooklyn navy yard were issued several days ago by the department. They require his immediate detachment from the battleship Texas and he will assume command of the Brooklyn yard on January 15.

Captain F. A. Cook, commanding the Brooklyn, will be left in Havana harbor as senior officer in command of the vessels there.

Commodore Pickering's assignment to the command of the Boston navy yard is not regarded as much of a surprise in naval circles. He was an applicant for the position and was only recently relieved of the command of the receiving ship Wabash.

Rear Admiral Howison desired an opportunity to fly his flag before retirement and the secretary is willing to give it to him. Rear Admiral Howison will be retired next October so that he will have only nine months to perform duty abroad. It has not been determined what command he will have.

Naval gossip has it that he will be assigned to command a division of the North Atlantic squadron, but inquiry develops the fact that the squadron will be so reduced in size that only one flag officer will be necessary.

In view of the intention of the department to send Rear Admiral Schley and Rear Admiral Howison to sea, it would seem that the secretary proposes to make the South Atlantic squadron of such importance as to place a flag officer in command of it. Instead of hitherto, of leaving the senior officer in charge.

Rear Admiral Howison and Rear Admiral Schley will therefore be available for these stations but which will be assigned to the European station is a question which no one in authority seems able to answer just at this time.

Report has it that Rear Admiral Schley will be assigned to the European station, but it would not be surprising if Rear Admiral Howison should secure the assignment for the short period he has to serve on the active list.

A PARIS JOURNAL ON PHILIPPINE CONDITIONS.

America Advised to Put Her Foot Down Firmly in Restoring Law and Order in the Islands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says:

The Journal des Debats says: "Anarchy among the tribes and intertribal war—such is the present condition of the Philippines' conditions, and which cannot be concealed by the fine party and voluble phraseology which the natives, such as Lopez, Aguinaldo and Aguinaldo have acquired from their semi-European education. The Americans will doubtless put a stop to these attempts of the Malays to found convulsive republics."

"But the American action will be less easy than is supposed in the United States. The reduction of the Philippines will cost dear, and all the more so as the internal policy of the union will be less favorable to imperialism than it seemed likely to be in the enthusiasm following on victory."

"Anti-expansionist demonstrations are becoming numerous, and the imperial policy is meeting with opposition, which may become serious. Let our American friends create as few actions as possible, and above all, avoid those blunders which, exploited by the bad faith of parties, have such effect in internal politics."

"The side of European sentiment is thus shown to be flowing strongly in favor of the United States. England and the continental nations all realize that America must put her foot down firmly, being anarchy to an end and re-establish order by taking the reins of government into her own hands without beating about the bush or subterfuge."

The honest minority in the Chicago city council is going around having himself introduced to people.

MRS. BOTKIN IS GUILTY

Jury Returned a Verdict of Murder in the First Degree.

FIXED THE PUNISHMENT

Life Imprisonment the Penalty the Poisoner Must Pay for Her Crime.

THE VERDICT UNEXPECTED

Doubtless Was the Result of a Compromise, as Sex of Prisoner Worked in Her Favor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The jury in the Botkin case today returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, with the penalty fixed at life imprisonment.

Late this afternoon District Attorney Hooper completed his argument and Judge Carroll Cook read his charge to the jury, after which it retired for deliberation. Mrs. Botkin cried bitterly several times during the day, and during the reading of the charge almost lost control of herself. Her sister, who sat beside her during the progress of the trial, took Mrs. Botkin in her arms and comforted her as best she could, but the tears could not be stayed.

The verdict was unexpected. Acquittal was confidently awaited by the defense, while the prosecution feared a disagreement.

Although the jury was out only for hours, it is currently reported tonight that the verdict was the result of a compromise. The sex of the prisoner made such a conclusion satisfactory to the jurors.

Considering the unexpectedness of the verdict, Mrs. Botkin kept herself well in hand when her fate was announced. Not until the juryman and most of the spectators had left the courtroom did she give evidence of a collapse. Then she sank back, half fainting, but speedily revived when given a glass of water. She will be sentenced January 1.

DREYFUS IS RELEASED FROM THE DEVIL'S ISLE.

Removed From the Island to Cayenne and from There Was Taken Back to France.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A special from Paramaribo, via Hayti, says: It is reported here that former Captain Dreyfus, who for the last three years has been kept in solitary and close confinement on Devil's Island, one of the Isles de Salut, a few miles east of here, has been removed from his island prison to Cayenne, and sailed from there for France on December 4 last on a convict transport.

No details regarding the departure of the prisoner or as to his ultimate destination can be ascertained. It is believed he will be taken to Paris, to await the orders of the court of cassation.

A telegram from Rotterdam announces that Comte Esterhazy has been staying there since December 15. His departure for America is regarded as imminent.

REPORT DENIED.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The ministry of the colonies today denied the report that Dreyfus has embarked from Cayenne on his return to France.

INCREASE IN STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The transactions on the New York stock exchange for the year show a decided increase in all branches over those for several preceding years.

LETTER RATE REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Canadian government announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rate from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce, commencing January 1.

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